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Professor Scott Nearing, of the University of Pennsylvania, attacked present industrial conditions. He called attention to the strike of the silk workers in Paterson, N. J., where, he said, the mill owners were being aided "by the Sheriff and the police."

Gloomy Over Trainman's Chances.

Professor Nearing said that statistics gathered by several agencies, including the government Census Bureau, showed that one-half of the male adult workers in the United States receive less than \$50 in wages a year, and three-quarters less than \$50 a year. He said the claim that there was "always room at the top" was a myth, because the opportunity did not exist. The trainman, he said, had a better chance of being killed than of ever reaching an executive position. Professor Nearing added:

"It is fair to conclude that from \$50 to \$60 a year—\$2 to \$3 a working day—is the minimum amount necessary to enable a man, wife and three children to maintain a normal standard of living in the industrial sections in the Eastern part of the United States."

"Our archaic system of domestic service" was declared to be the worst waste in living expenses by Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, author of "The Home, Its Work and Influence." She said:

"Industrial progress follows lines of specialization, organization and interexchange. Domestic service is unspecialized, unorganized and self-supplied."

"For all men and women to perform their own house service separately would be the lowest line of industrial efficiency; for each man to require one whole woman, with more if he can afford it, to perform his house service is next to the lowest."

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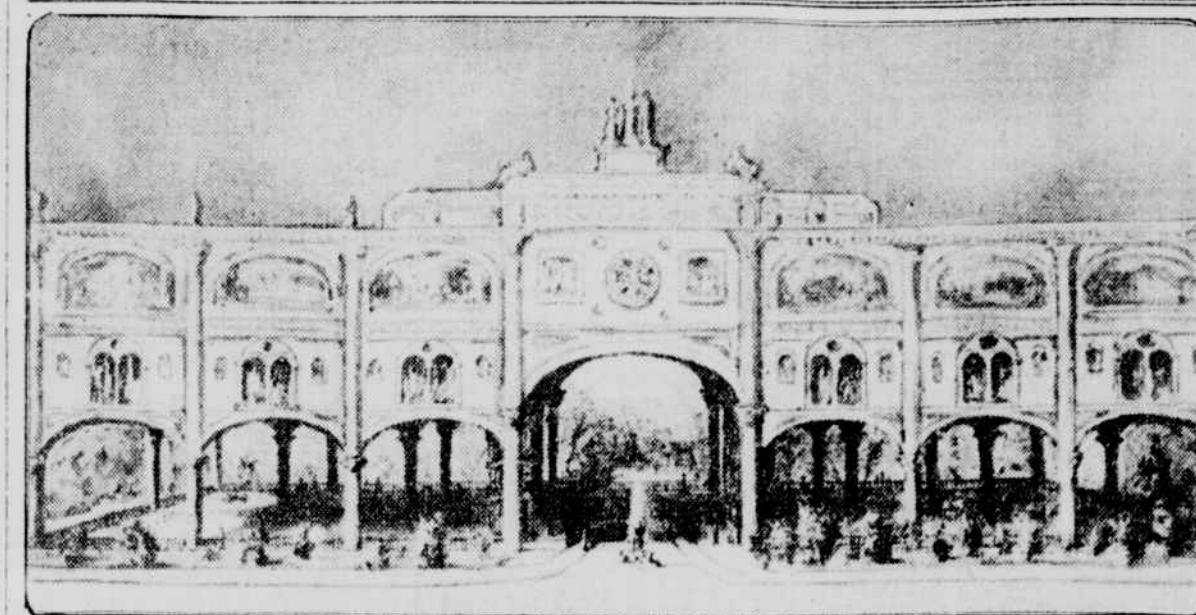
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SUGGESTION FOR AN ORNAMENTAL ENTRANCE TO CENTRAL PARK



READY TO FIGHT RACING PLANS PARK ENTRANCE

The Rev. W. R. Laidlaw Warns Big Track Owners.

THREATENS MORE ARRESTS

New Test Case Planned if Appellate Division Declares Directors Not Liable.

The Rev. Walter R. Laidlaw, ex-secretary of the Federation of Churches, issued a note of warning to the proprietors of the racetracks yesterday in commenting on the proposed revival of horse-racing at the local tracks this spring. Referring to the Paul Shane case, which was brought before the courts to test the validity of the anti-gambling law, Dr. Laidlaw said:

"The constitutionality of the law is not affected by the decision in the Shane case. If the racetrack men could fix up a case looking toward the nullifying of the law we can fix one up that will still hold them responsible for gambling at the tracks. We are ready to do this at the first symptom of gambling at the tracks. If the owners and managers think they are entirely relieved of responsibility under the law by the recent decision in the lower courts they will resume operations at a great risk."

"We are not opposed to racing as such, but we are decidedly opposed to the almost inevitable evil of gambling which appears to go with it. Any one with an ounce of wit left knows that three or four racetracks in this state are not needed to breed thoroughbreds. If they can hold races without gambling, and merely for the purpose of turning out good horses, all well and good, and I hope that it may work out that way. At any rate, we are anxious to test out the effect of the law against gambling thoroughly. I believe in giving the racetrack men to understand once and for all that the people will not stand for gambling at the tracks in this state."

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"An Artistic and Useful Entrance to Central Park, at Seventh Avenue and 59th Street," is the caption of a drawing by E. Wood Perry, which, he says, was made "after a careful study of that part of the park border which needs improvement." This location, which is so little frequented, is, however, by its proximity to several car lines, eminently adapted for a great pleasure ground for the whole community; and its present neglect and uselessness are unworthy of the park and the metropolis.

Mr. Perry says that he is aware of the objections which have been made to all projects which might lead to encroachment on city park property, "but in this case," he says, "there can be no sound objection. The open space remains, the people would not be deprived in any way of the uses or pleasures of the park, but would gain in those respects from every point of view. The plan which I have drawn would probably be changed in many particulars if treated by an architect, but the idea which it presents is, I think, worthy of the people's consideration.

"The land at Seventh avenue and 59th street slopes into the park with a fall of nearly twenty feet. This work necessitates making the lower open floor a terrace.

"The space under this floor forming a basement could be used to advantage, as it would be well lighted, by the Park Commission or as the headquarters of the park police, and this might solve the arsenal problem."

Such a structure, it is said, would offer great possibilities for artistic de-

LACOMBE KILLED; JUMPS OFF PRISON ROOF

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between Lacombe, the examining magistrate, M. Drioux, and the prosecuting attorney, M. Lescoue, who had been telephoned to.

Lacombe's lawyer, Georges Boucheron, and others meanwhile gathered on a balcony overlooking the part of the roof where Lacombe was standing.

Magistrate Demands Surrender.

Magistrate Drioux called on Lacombe to surrender.

"It is too late. I have finished. I killed Duret because he was a spy. I was at Bezons and shot the postmaster 'L'Idée Libre,' and of murdering several other people in various parts of France.

Lacombe had been arrested in Paris on March 11, after the police throughout France had sought him for several months. When taken into custody he was carrying in his pockets a small dynamite bomb, two dynamite cartridges, two automatic pistols and a supply of ammunition. The mob tried to lynch him while he was on the way to the police station.

He was known as one of the most desperate criminals in the country, and during his incarceration confessed to the murder of Duret, admitted killing a postmaster at Bezons and a railroad employee at Les Andurals, near Orleans.

LIFE TERM FOR KILLING BABE.

Jackson, Mich., April 5.—John Sternimann was sentenced to life imprisonment this afternoon for killing his thirteen-months-old daughter on March 22. Sternimann said he did it when he was "crazy drunk."

FOUR STEEL WORKERS KILLED.

Pittsburgh, April 5.—Four men were burned to death and one man was probably fatally injured in an explosion of slag at the Homestead Steel Works of the United States Steel Corporation to-day.

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A PRESIDENTIAL ROMANCE

Mr. Wilson's Former Stenographer Now Wife of R. S. Taylor.

Trenton, N. J., April 5.—A romance that had its inception when Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States resulted to-day in the marriage of Miss Ida B. Phillips, a stenographer in the office of the Governor of New Jersey, and Richard H. Taylor, of Staunton, Va., a former Secret Service operator.

When Governor Wilson stepped into his office at the State House for the first time as President-elect, Taylor, a Secret Service man, was at his elbow.

There he met Miss Phillips, who had been a stenographer for three governors, and while the President-elect was busy picking the members of his Cabinet, Taylor selected a wife.

When Mr. Wilson went to Washington to be inaugurated President, Miss Phillips remained in Trenton as Governor Fielder's stenographer, and Taylor entered the immigration service, in which he had previously been for many years.

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